

REMARKS

Claims 4, 11, 15 and 20 are pending. Claims 4 and 15 have been amended. These amendments add no new matter to the application.

Claims 4, 11, 15 and 20 stand rejected under 35 UCS 112 as allegedly indefinite.

Specifically, Claim 15 is allegedly indefinite for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections.

This rejection was discussed during the interview of Nov 8, 2006 where Applicant requested factual information in support of the rejection. Applicant was seeking facts from statements of record or the specification where it is explicitly stated that the distinction between beta-amyloid protein and the beta-amyloid fibrils is essential to the invention. After our discussions, it was Applicant's understanding that no factual basis for the rejection was presented and the rejection was traversed.

Claim 15 was held further allegedly indefinite for use of the phrase "inhibiting or reducing" as relative, and therefore in need of a comparative step recited in the claim. The Examiner suggested that the claim be amended by the addition of "as compared to a cell culture containing beta-amyloid protein in absence of polypeptide SEQ ID NO: 3." to the end of the claim. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection but in the interests of expediting allowance has made the claim amendments suggested by the Examiner to overcome the rejection.

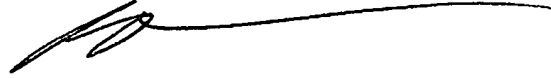
Claim 4 was held allegedly vague and ambiguous for recitation of "synthesized" polypeptide. The claim has been amended to recited "synthetic" polypeptide.

Finally Claims 11 and 20 were held indefinite for being dependent from indefinite claims. Applicant hereby submits that the amendments to the claims overcome the indefinite rejections and all claims should now be acceptable.

Applicant believes that it has responded fully to all of the concerns expressed by the Examiner in the Office Action, and respectfully requests that new claims be entered and examined, and that early favorable action be taken on all claims pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reexamination of all rejected claims and early favorable action on them as well.

If the Examiner has any further concerns, Applicant requests a call to Patrick Dwyer at (425) 823-0400

Respectfully submitted,



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